

February 1, 1996
MINUTES

10 MEMBERS PRESENT

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM
Pledge of allegiance
Read minutes
Motion made and passed to accept minutes

Treasures report accepted as read

Committee reports

- 1) newsletter committee---we're growing and Beth needs more help, differences in active members and distribution of newsletter noted.
- Motion made and passed to reimburse \$12.88 for postage.
- 2) Honor the vet--nothing new to report.
- 3) Bill B. gave report on POW's
- 4) Color guard report.
- 5) Report on State Council meeting: Budget items discussed--when more info is available we'll get an update. Council meeting minutes will be brought to our meetings.
- 6) Freedom medal discussed (resolution is in the House of Reps).
- 7) Discussed Fred Maslacks "gulf war syndrome" resolution.
- 8) Membership news.....\$120.00 in new membership this last month.
- 9) Report on Jim Rader (Sanders vet rep. and VVA1 member)
- 10) Note: The stone for our monument is in our posession.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) D. Doyle brought an idea to produce patches with our logo. Decals also! Report each month on this issue. Motion to accept by Bill B, seconded by F. Bump. PASSED
- John B. (pres.) asked Bill H. about the parade schedule for the upcoming year.
- 2) Elections coming up in April. Beth is nomination chairperson. There will be an article in the newsletter about the nominations.

MOTION by Kim H. to adjourn, seconded by Bill H. PASSED 7:17 PM.

END

March 9, 1996
MINUTES

9 member 1 visitor

Meeting called to order at 6:17 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Read Minutes

Motion made by Steve F 2nd By D. Doyle Passed

Discuss Color guard Chair Tom Reader doesn't come to meet

Treasures Report given by John B.

Motion made by Kim 2nd By me passed

Committees

1) Dick Doyle gave membership report.

Motion by ~~John B.~~ 2nd by ~~John B.~~ Passed

2) Nominating Committee ~~Nobody running~~ as yet. D. Doyle going for member of Board

Steve F. will go for VP

3) Newsletter Report - growing even more a lot of work - need someone to help staple, sort, etc. Fund sales need to increase

Discussion for bulk mail. Requirements talked about there are many. Rates discussed also

Start up fee \$85 - yearly cost \$85

4) Motion to keep 1st class mail by BB
2nd by Kim H. Passed

5) Re-imburse John B

6) New possibility - Corp. Carris Reels, Metro mail GE.

7) \$28.80 pay to Prince offset passed on

8) State Council Res. for Aug 10th for Viet Viet Day
Request for moving Wall to return on Aug 10, 1997

7 Days min. ~~\$100~~ \$2,650 wall only

Total about 5 grand

Frank is Chair person for Green Mt.
Bank Display

1st Check out reservations for Wall, hotels
etc.

Motion to ✓ into it by Steve F 2nd D. Doyle
for possible WALL 7 day Stay Cutb 10, 1997
Passed

Legislative State Council 1 year represe
on Sharon Memorial
Sat. 3/16 State Council meeting VFW 648
Reps of House will be there.

Ceremony Sept 21, 96 to honor Gold Star
Mothers; Veterans plates soon
Dick talked to Speaker of House - signs ordered
for the VV Memorial

Dick asked State for help for Robert Pated
who lost everything in a fire. Each Chapter
gave \$50. Motion to reimburse State our
\$50 by Steve F 2nd BB - Passed

VET Net Report, given by Bill B.

Color Guard VFW Loyalty May 5, 2PM Sun
Essex Memorial Day May 25 10AM
Chester 10:30 AM June 8, 96

New Bus.

Election notice from Nat'l
Our Votes gets VVA-1 Nomination

1) New Bus.

2) Sponsoring a Baseball (little league) Team
Tabled for now

2) Meeting on Thurs. Night in opposition to
POW vigil in F. H.
Kim H. Motion to chg. meeting night
2nd B. Higgins. Passed

3) Motion for 1st Sat. by Bill B 2nd Bill H.
Passed.

4) ? Guy Hot Dog stand No deal
Tabled

OLD Con. Mt. Bank Out of Bus.

Meeting at Seward's on 1st Sat. of Apr.

June Elect. Va State in June

Nomination for State Associate member. TABLED

Meeting ended on 3/9/96 Motion to adjourn
BB 2nd Steve Faye 7:50 PM

Waiting on quote for Patch - we'll get sample

MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 1996

21 Members present

Meeting called to order at 18:15 hrs.
Pledge of Allegiance

Pres. J. B. first mentioned open letter from VVA National that appeared in the NY Times.

Last meetings minutes were read by Sec. BB.
Motion to accept made and passed.

Treasurers report given by John Pintello.

Committees:

- 1) Membership chair D. Doyle presented three new members.
- 2) Newsletter report given by B. Higgins.
- 3) Motion to pay Prime Offset \$28.37 for newsletter cost made and passed.
- 4) Postage re-imbursement for J. B. motion made and passed.
- 5) New Honor the Vet members were announced and a motion to make up new stickers was made and passed to have 50 new stickers made up.
- 6) COLOR GUARD committee announced an invite for a parade July 6th (tabled). Agreed on announcement for loyalty day parade in the Newsletter and the plan to meet early on the third of May for planning and showing uniforms.
- 7) STATE COUNCIL REPORT S. Faye talked on the brochure and the lobbying on the Sharon Rest area. Also mentioned a meeting with State Senator C. Rivers, the original sponsor of the bill to close them. Veterans Licence plates were also discussed and the added cost to vets is out of the question. A 4" by 3" sticker would cost an added \$20.00 and that money would go into the general fund. Bogus Idea.
- 8) The Freedom Medal will be presented on Sept. 21 at camp Johnson.
- 9) State council elections will be in June and anyone wishes to be on it please speak with J. Minor on the 20th of April at the meeting.
- 10) Motion made and passed unanimously to spend \$100,00 on a care package for our platoon in Bosnia.
- 11) Secretary made Vet Net Radio show report.

OLD BUSINESS

A display at the Green Mtn. Bank is still possible for June or July. F. Bump is chair of that committee.

Banner change idea was tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed quarterly 50-50 tickets to be printed in the

newsletter. A motion was made and passed to do so.

A proposal to have a jamboree to benefit the Dodge House was tabled until a later date.

Volunteers needed for a postal workers food shelf drive on Sat. May 11th.

Patches with the VVA #1 logo cost 157.00. Motion made and passed to change color of patch and to order patches.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT	JOHN BERGERON
V. PRESIDENT	STEVE FAYE
SECRETARY	BILL BARNES
TREASURER	JOHN PINTELLO

BOARD MEMBERS

BILL HIGGINS	468-5652		
DICK DOYLE	463-4177	work	885-2167
W. WHITNEY	875-2640		
B. PICKNELL	767-9874		
FRANK BUMP	247-6980		

Next meeting on May 4th at Seward's. Meeting adjourned at 20:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted: Sec. Bill Barnes

May 4, 1996
VVA CHAPTER ONE MEETING
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1802 hours with 11 members present.

Approval given to tape record meetings to use for typing minutes at a future date.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement that Mr. Robert Rummel (a member of VVA#1) is at this meeting to make a short presentation on the progress of the Dodge Development Center.

Minutes of last meeting read by the Secretary. Motion made and passed to accept as read.

Chapter treasurers report made by John Pintello. Accepted.

Membership committee report given by J. Bergeron in D. Doyles absence. New member Lawrence Conner, renewal member is Francis Lynch.

Outstanding bills due were announced and motion made to pay aforementioned was made and passed.

Discussion to spend the previously approved \$100 on our adopted platoon (3-5 of the Armored Cav.) as Mike Kelly spoke on the phone to me about what items they request. Check was issued at the following day's Loyalty day parade.

Honor the vet program report given and we have 4 more new members that have applied.

Color guard report given...parade tomorrow on the 5th of May. Requests for our presents were read and discussed. Plans were made for the next two or three parades.

Newsletter report tabled for this month as B. Higgins could not attend this meeting.

Vet net report was given by the Secretary (B.B.) Covered the Missing Service Personnel Act of 1996 in a brief discussion.

50-50 raffle mentioned that it is underway at this time and tickets will be in the newsletter.

Letter from National regarding liability insurance discussed by President J. B.

Display for the month of June at the Green Mtn. Bank will be on and memorabilia is requested. Frank Bump is Chairperson.

Food drive on May 11th for the Postal workers needs P/U's and volunteers.

A Mr. Wickmen is teaching a class at CCV and needs people to discuss the Vietnam War. J. Williams and Mr. Skinner are to represent VVA. 6:30 PM at the Howe Center for those interested. That's May 8th, 1996.

The Banner issue was discussed and the cost is a solid \$250,00 no matter how many colors we require. Banner issue was tabled for this month...Coast Guard will be added to the Banner.

Bob Rummel's presentation was made. (bulb blew so the program will be postponed.

Jamboree was discussed and future plans will be made to have it later in the year.

1935 hours the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bill Barnes.

June 1, '96
Minutes Meeting

Members Present.

12 13 16

Meeting to order 6:00 PM

Pledge:

Minutes Reader - motion, Kim 2nded Passed

Treasurer absent for this meeting.

Honor the Vet - Eight day Cuts 10%
Classic Stitching 10%
Vergennes

Color Guard 10th June 8th P/U at 8:30 am at John's Store
Rides arranged

Guest Dave Janice

July 6th Brandon Parade Saturday
July 27th Cambridge N.Y. Saturdays

Color Guard Uniforms Mark at Army + Navy
on Center has Jungle boots for \$38.00
Patches done in this week

Drill Team - possible - Civil Air Patrol wants one
we might sponsor

Newsletter Committee

Payment of ads

Short notes for newsletter each month on meeting
issues

J. B. brought in reading materials to be passed out

D. Doyle - membership Committee

K. Higer presented with certificate for 1st Female Life member.

) New members Albert Towsley Winona
New Life members trans. Patrick Mockler
Member in Utah James Godwin NEW to #1

Membership is now 90 less unpaid renewals

Mr. + Mrs. Joseph Silva renewal

Dick wants to pay ~~for~~ for Francis who is a Gold Star membership.

Motion by Steve 2nd by Tom R. - passed unanimous

Frank Bell - Army Recruiters will join on Monday June 3, 1991

Committee - State Council next meeting June 15th at VFW at 11 AM. Elections coming up. Met with B. Sanders Conference of Gulf War S.

John Pintello called from Bmtl. won't be here

Motion to reimburse POW network for \$20 made + passed (State Council) Passed

Green Mtn. Bank Display Frank Bump

Vet Net. Report Annex

Old Business - Dick wanting for Patches

Kym - Hats ordered will be in soon

TOCOS in Vincennes, Nam Viet.

Thank you card - from Patti Jones - on our
donation for Leukemia stricken boy.

2 members were keynote Mem. Day Speakers

279 VT VVA members

Lawrence Connors will let us use 30 acres for
gathering in Kosheston.

Next meeting July 6th at Seward's

August 3rd meeting for VVA - will discuss
alternatives.

Dick Doyle
Bill Pickrell, Del.

J. B. is alternate

VVA #1 Chapter Meeting for July 6, 1996 MINUTES.
12 Members present

Meeting called to order at 1800 hours at Seward's Dairy.

Minutes of previous meeting read by Secretary Barnes. Motion by K. Hoerr to accept and seconded by J. Bergeron. Carried.

Secretary presented J. Bergeron and John Pintello (treasurer) with \$59.70 receipts for our adopt a platoon program for expenses incurred sending packaged items to Bosnia.

HONOR THE VET PROGRAM: New members of the program are Wilson Country Camera and The Great Outdoors. Further contacts have been made outside Vermont so other states may adopt our idea of the Program.

COLOR GUARD: Our color guard was invited to Indiana for next years reunion. A letter from State Council President John Minor about the Vermont Patriots medal and the fact that it has been struck and will be issued on Sept. 21, 1996 to honor our lost comrades from the Vietnam War. Also donations were requested. There are uniform changes again! The beret is no longer part of our uniform nor is the ascot. A marine fatigue hat and a cammo T-shirt will be the new uniform. The new hat will bear the VN patch temporarily until the correct dates are printed on them. The patch with the chapter logo will go over the left shirt pocket (heart). New flag poles have been researched and priced. For about \$220.00 we can purchase everything we need to sharpen our flags appearance. A motion made by J.B. and 2nd by Bill Barnes was passed unanimously. There is a parade on the 27th of July in Cambridge, N.Y. and color guard members are requested to meet at the Grand Union parking lot at 0900 in Fair Haven.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report given by John Pintello.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Report given by Dick Doyle and he also passed out Chapter one logo patches to all present and will send each member one by mail. Our Chapter has been challenged to a membership drive (showdown) by Chapter 753, St. Albans. D.D. is sending out 60 mailings and a motion to pay postage was made by Steve Faye and 2nd J. Pintello. Our current roll carries only 78 members which is a loss of 14 which have not renewed. A new member was enrolled named Jim Leigh and paperwork for Cliff Adams will be sent in on 7/7/96. There are 275 Vietnam Veterans of the Valley at large out there to be contacted. Dick would like to set up some sort of a meeting with as many as possible. He will handle the job of making contact. A motion to do a \$10.00 membership drive was made by Steve F. and 2nd by Tom Reardon. motion carried.

STATE COUNCIL: There will be a format change in their meeting schedule to meet once a quarter. The next council meeting will be 8/10/96. The Council has about \$4,700 from the State of Vermont toward the medal. The proposal to buy

the M-16 replicas instead of the real thing was tabled. There is a tremendous difference in price. The replicas only cost \$102.00 each.

VET NET: Report given by B.B. on the operations of our adopted platoon in Bosnia. The radio program on WSYB will continue but the Eagle Radio Network is off the air.

OLD BUSINESS: A report on the progress of the monument work was given by J.B. The target date for completion of the work is approximately 2 years. Much discussion followed with no major decisions being made at this time. The 50-50 raffle idea was basically a bust. However, Mike Boston of 60 Franklin Street won.

NEW BUSINESS: The Golf Tournament will be held on July 20th and tickets can be bought at J.B.'s Shop or from John Pintello.

The next meeting will be held at John Pintellos place in the country. Members are expected at 1500 hours with the meeting to be held at 1700. John will provide food, games and will give each member \$10.000 for showing up. OK, just the food and games. Members should bring their own drinks.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: B.B. made this motion , 2nd by J.B., and carried. Time 1930 hours.

Respectfully submitted,


Bill Barnes
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1 was called to order on 7 September 1996 at 1810 hours by the President, John.

Introductions were made.

Brief financial report made by John stating that: \$300.00 made in product sales at the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day in Bennington

and approximately \$1500.00 in the bank.

Colorguard report made by Tom Reardon:

Very nice turnouts at past functions.

Colorguard looking sharp.

Next function will be at Camp Johnson on 21 September at 1300 hours.

Discussion regarding the Vietnam Wall Experience to be held 20 October through 6 October at Norwich University - did not commit to this

at this time wanting more information regarding the Wall, as to whether it was real or not.

Honor the Vet Program discussed by Tom Reardon. There is a real need to let other organizations know about this program, because most never seem to have heard about it.

Membership stands at about 82 members - getting close to 100.

Old Business:

The Vietnam Veteran Memorial a computer sketch has been done (hanging on wall).

a meeting with the City for the site proposal is scheduled for 16 September.

New Business:

Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day for 1997 to be hosted by Rutland VVA

Tom & Carol Reardon will be heading this committee.

Discussed what has been done as of this date: approached Rutland Fairgrounds about the use of the facility

making list of Vendors, both military and craft, to invite

advised that we would like to include the fellow brothers to the North, Canada, and those from Australia.

Sale on the Green in Chester discussed by Bill Whitney

Invited to sale items, as bracelets and patches

A motion was made, to let Bill take items to sell, by Carol Reardon
Seconded by Steve Faye

Motion Carried

50/50 Raffle tickets

Discussion held about the difficulty in selling tickets at current price.

Motion made by Tom Reardon that tickets for subsequent drawings be sold at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
Seconded by Bill Whitney

Motion Carried

Play about Vietnam Vets

Cliff told us about the play he had written and put on with help from friends.

next showing will be 3 October in Bristol.

discussed how this could possibly be used as a fund raiser.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Kim that meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Tom Reardon

Meeting adjourned at 1942 hours.

VVA CHAPTER ONE REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES

10/5/96

President Bergeron brought meeting to order at 1800 hours.

Chaplain gave opening prayer. .

Pledge of Allegiance.

20 present, including guests.

Political speakers were present to discuss current issues.

Minutes of last meeting were read (09/07/96). Motion made and seconded to accept as read. Motion carried.

John Bergeron gave the Treasurers Report (\$1176.64 balance in the treasury as of 09/04/96.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership by Dick Doyle; Current membership is 99!! Expect to reach the century mark very soon and Dick suggested we do a brief profile on the 100th member. That 100th member was signed at this meeting. Dick also mentioned the need for DD-214's to accompany applications.

HONOR THE VET PROGRAM REPORT: 23 Businesses are currently participating. The program was explained by Tom Reardon the committee chair. An attempt will be made in the future to go statewide with this program.

COLOR GUARD REPORT: All uniforms are now the same and we have received more invitations and expect more exposure next year. Our unit has received much praise of late and we expect to drill to improve on our appearance.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Beth Higgins requests more reports to be sent in so this info can be in the newsletter. The deadline for articles is the 10th of each month.

The meeting was brought to a close at this time so we can hear what the politicians have to say about their future plans.

VVA ONE meeting closed at 1840 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Barnes

Chapter One Secretary